

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 237

Approved by the Governor April 14, 2011

Introduced by Howard, 9; Pirsch, 4.

FOR AN ACT relating to prescription drugs; to state intent; and to provide for creation of a prescription drug monitoring program.  
Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. It is the intent of the Legislature that an entity described in section 2 of this act establish a system of prescription drug monitoring for the purposes of (1) preventing the misuse of prescription drugs in an efficient and cost-effective manner and (2) allowing doctors and pharmacists to monitor the care and treatment of patients for whom a prescription drug is prescribed to ensure that prescription drugs are used for medically appropriate purposes and that the State of Nebraska remains on the cutting edge of medical information technology.

Sec. 2. The Department of Health and Human Services, in collaboration with the Nebraska Health Information Initiative or any successor public-private statewide health information exchange, shall enhance or establish technology for prescription drug monitoring to carry out the purposes of section 1 of this act. No state funding shall be used to implement or operate the prescription drug monitoring system provided for in this section. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to authorize use of electronic health information, if necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.